PTQ0758 UNCLASSIFIED

HARARE 00638 051304Z PAGE 01

ACTION AF-00

NP-00 AMAD-00 CPR-02 UTED-00 H-01 PA-00 PRS-00 SSC-01 SS-00 TEST-DRL-02 SAS-00 /007W TEDE-00 TNFO LOG-00 LAB-01 SS-00 TEST-00 USIE-00

R-00

-----C0E7EB 051304Z /38

FM AMEMBASSY HARARE TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8171

UNCLAS HARARE 000638

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: OPDC ZI

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUDENGE TO SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS I.S.G. MUDENGE TO SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 5. POST WILL POUCH THE ORIGINAL TO AF/S.

12. BEGIN TEXT:

30 JANUARY, 2001

THE HONORABLE MR. COLIN POWELL UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON D.C.

UNCLASSIFIED

HARARE 00638 051304Z PAGE 02

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEAR MR. SECRETARY

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND TO YOU WARM AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. YOUR NOMINATION AND SUBSEQUENT CONFIRMATION FOR THE POST CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE PRESIDENT GEORGE W BUSH AND CONGRESS HAVE REPOSED IN YOU.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN THE CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ZIMBABWE. FURTHER MY WISH TO CO-OPERATE WITH YOU AT INTERNATIONAL FORA IN ADDRESSING THE UNIVERSAL DEMANDS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AS WELL AS IN THE PROMOTION OF A JUST, FAIR AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER.

I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND SUCCESS IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE ONEROUS RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

I S G MUDENGE

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 HARARE 00638 051304Z

REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

END TEXT.

IRVING

UNCLASSIFIED